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LEWIS STRUCTURES PRACTICE WORKSHEET

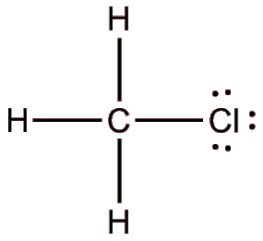
Draw the Lewis Structures for each of the following molecules. If you are not sure if your structure is correct, do a formal charge check. You should consult the Lewis structure rules and a periodic table while doing this exercise. A periodic table will be available for the exam, but the list of rules will not be available, so this is a chance to practice using the rules to help you remember them!

1. CH_3Cl

$C: central\ atom$
$H_3: always\ terminal$
$S = N_{(Needed)} - A_{(Available)}$

N	A
$C: 8$	$C: 4$
$H: 3\times2$	$H: 3\times1$
$6 - \frac{8}{2}$	$6 - \frac{7}{14}$

$S = 22 - 14$
$S = 8$
$\#bonds = \frac{8}{2}$

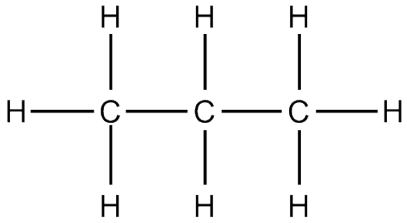


2. C_3H_8

$C's\ tend\ to\ be\ terminal$
$H_8: must\ be\ terminal$
$S = N - A$

$C: 3\times8$	$C: 3\times4$
$H: 8\times2$	$H: 8\times1$
$N = 40$	$A = 20$

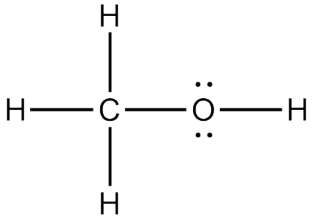
$S = 40 - 20$
$\#bonds = \frac{20}{2} = 10\ bonds$



3. CH_3OH

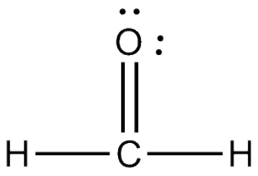
$C: central\ atom$
$H_3\ \&\ H: must\ be\ terminal$
$Needed: 24$
$Available: 14$
$Shared = 10$
$bonds = 5$

$Used\ 10\ of\ available\ 14e^-\ in\ bonds.\ Remaining\ 4e^-\ are\ to\ be\ placed\ on\ terminal\ atoms\ that\ have\ not\ satisfied\ octet.$



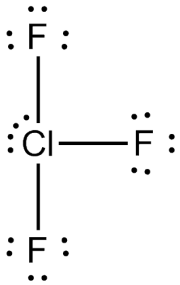
4. CH_2O

C: central atom
H_2: terminal
Needed = 20
Available = 12
Shared = 8
 # bonds = 4



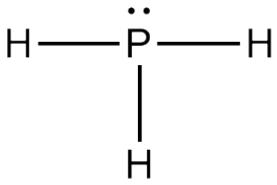
5. ClF_3

C: central atom
Needed = 32
Available = 28
~~*Shared = 4*~~
~~*# bonds = 2*~~
breaks rule probably expanded octet
After e^- are placed on terminal atoms to satisfy octet, still have 4 available e^-, place on central atom



6. PH_3

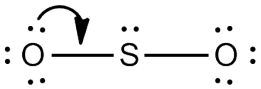
P: central atom
H_3: terminal atoms
N = 1
A = 8
S = 6
 # bonds = 3
After forming bonds, $2e^-$ left, place on central atom

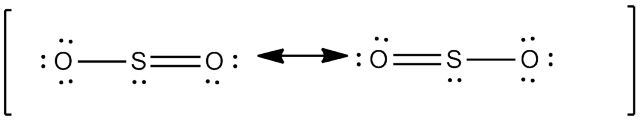


For these don't show S=N-A rule, although it is used to predict # bonds.

7. SO_2

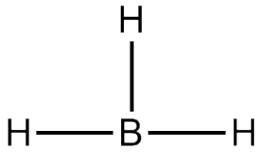
S: central atom
O_2: tend not to string together
A = $18e^-$
 # bonds = 3
1) satisfied octet on terminal, but still have $2e^-$, place on central atom
2) still need 2 more on central and predicting 3 bonds, so move a pair to make double bond





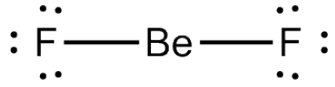
8. BH_3

B: exception to octet rule, stable with $6e^-$ in valence shell



9. BeF_2

Be: exception to octet rule, stable with $4e^-$ in valence shell

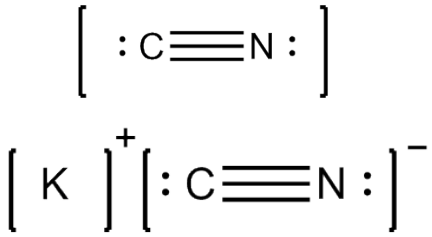


10. KCN

K^+: metal cation
CN^-: polyatomic anion, follows rules for anions
Needed $e^- = 16$
Available $e^- = 10e^-$

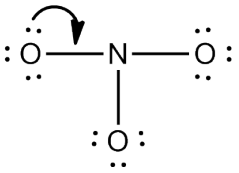
$C = 4$
$N = 5$
$(-) = 1$
$10e^-$

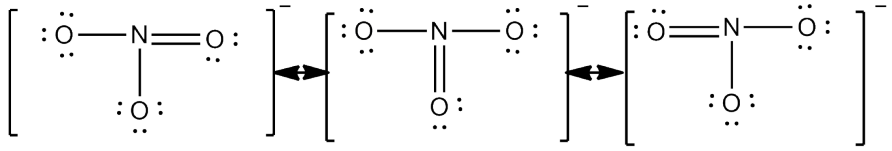
 # bonds $= 16 - 10 = \frac{6}{2} = 3$ bonds



11. NO_3^-

N: central atom
O_3: tend not to string together
Notice, polyatomic ion add negative charge as one available extra e⁻
Available $= 24e^-$
 # bonds $= 4$ bonds
Double bond could be in any of three locations, so resonance!





12. XeO_4

breaks $S = N - A$ rule, must be expanded octet
$A = 40e^-$
6 extra, so stick on central atom
Kind of crazy!